

# Homeland Security Update

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**AUGUST 2005**

## **HURRICANE KATRINA**

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## **HOMELAND SECURITY HIGHLIGHTS**

The August edition of the Homeland Security Newsletter features an article about National Preparedness Month. The article is timely in light of the events surrounding [Hurricane Katrina](#). The federal Department of Homeland Security is redesigning the National Preparedness Goal to meet the dynamic needs of our diverse nation. An opportunity to review the draft National Preparedness Goal and the Target Capabilities list is available on the [Lessons Learned Information Sharing](#) web page at [www.llis.gov](http://www.llis.gov). The current drafts are posted for comment by September 15, 2005. This is a unique opportunity to participate in the redesign of our future.

Our Team Washington [webpage](#) has been redesigned to meet the needs of the diverse stakeholder group we have here in our webpage.

Team Washington welcomes [Ramon "Quique" Ortiz](#) as Director of Security for the Port of Tacoma and [Matthew Battle](#), the new Surface Transportation Security Inspector, Supervisor, for the Pacific Northwest Area.

Team Washington initiatives in this edition of the newsletter include the [Homeland Security Capabilities Planning Instrument](#), [Metropolitan Medical Response System \(MMRS\)](#), and the newly formed [Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council](#).

The Homeland Security Newsletter is produced bi-monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec) through the combined efforts of Team Washington Partners. Please send articles, announcements, helpful links and events for the next issue by August 15, 2005 to Amy Cook, Homeland Security Strategic Planner at [Amy.Cook@mil.wa.gov](mailto:Amy.Cook@mil.wa.gov).



## **SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

*Story and Photo courtesy of the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division*

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Governor Gregoire has proclaimed September, National Preparedness Month in Washington State. The Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) has created and will distribute a packet of materials supporting this event. If you would be interested in receiving the packet please contact Barbara Thurman at 512-7047 or [b.thurman@emd.wa.gov](mailto:b.thurman@emd.wa.gov).

National Preparedness Month, 9-1-1 Day, and Weather Radio Awareness Month will all be part of the September activities with a statewide earthquake drill on **September 14, 2005 between 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**

The earthquake drill will coincide with a test of the tsunami warning communications system on Washington's Pacific coast. The drill will commence with a statewide Emergency Alert System message over radio and television stations about what to do when the ground starts to shake. The message will serve as signal for Washington residents to "drop, cover, and hold" for personal earthquake protection in their residences, schools and workplaces.

# Events and Meetings

**September - October 2005**

**September 2, 2005** - Emergency Management Council, Camp Murray, Washington, Building 104, for details contact Walt Swenson at [w.swenson@emd.wa.gov](mailto:w.swenson@emd.wa.gov) or 253-512-7462.

**September 11, 2005** - 9-1-1 Day - Washington's emergency response community will highlight the important of our telephone 9-1-1 service to our health and safety as a way to commemorate the September 11 anniversary.

**September 14, 2005** - Washington's statewide Earthquake Drill and Tsunami Warning System Communications Test **between 10:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.**, for more details contact Barbara Thurman at 253-512-7074 or [B.Thurman@emd.wa.gov](mailto:B.Thurman@emd.wa.gov).

**September 21-23, 2005** - Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA) conference, for details visit [www.wsema.org](http://www.wsema.org).

**September 25-26, 2005** - Marine Terrorism Response Exercise, for details contact Assistant Chief A.D. Vickery at 206-386-1489 or [Alan.Vickery@Seattle.Gov](mailto:Alan.Vickery@Seattle.Gov).

**October 3, 2005** - Committee on Homeland Security, Camp Murray, Washington, Building 104, for details, contact the Emergency Management Division at 253-512-7468.

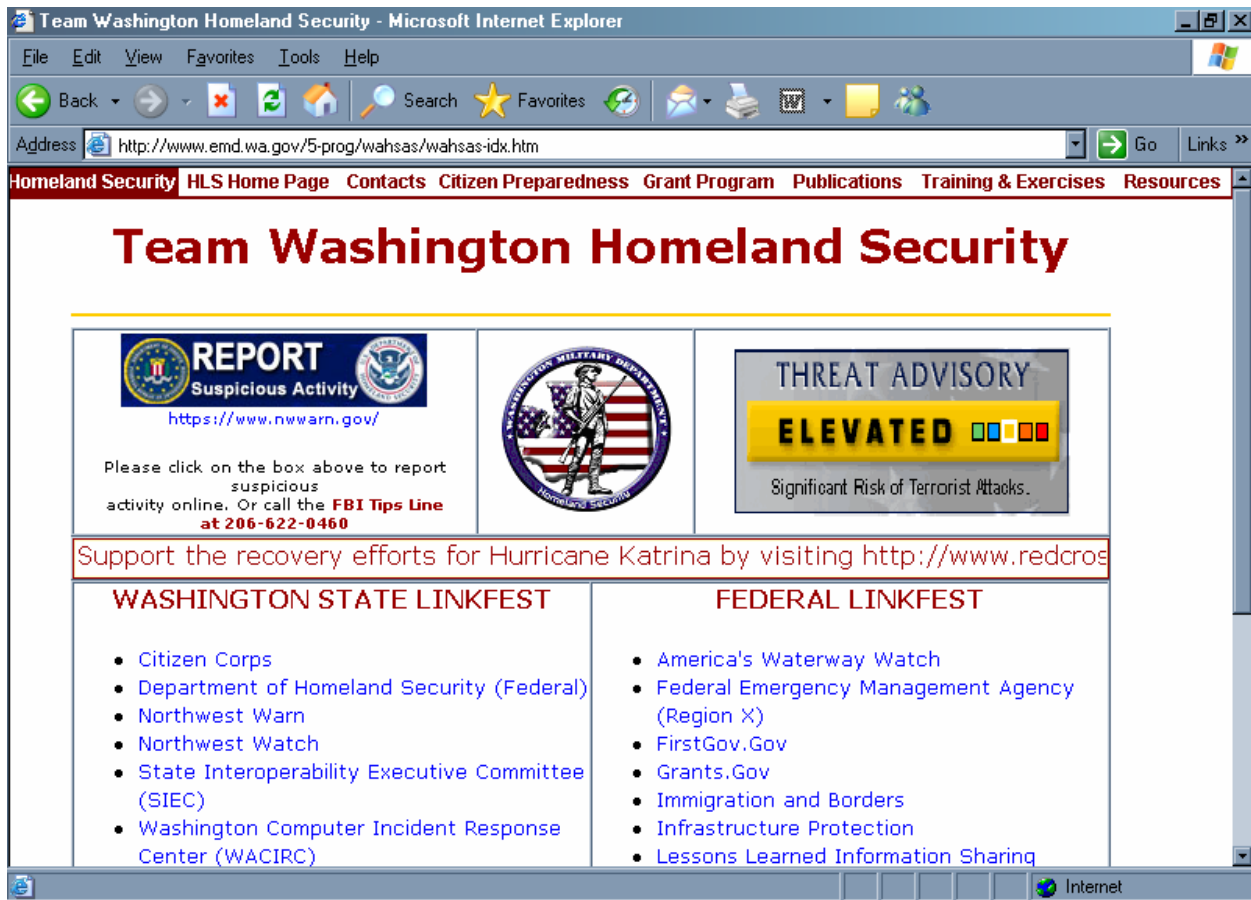
**October 21-22, 2005** - "Are You Ready?" disaster preparedness fair is taking place at the Seattle Center. Location: Seattle Center Exhibit Hall, 305 Harrison Street, Seattle, WA 98109. For more information visit the "Are You Ready?" webpage.

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# Announcements

## VISIT THE NEW TEAM WASHINGTON HOMELAND SECURITY **WEBPAGE**

Many thanks to Dave Rider at the Emergency Management Division for his great work in launching the new Team Washington Homeland Security webpage. The old page link automatically redirects visitors, so there is no noticeable change in the page location. The page has helpful drop down menus for strategic planning and includes references intended to help all of the Team Washington members participate in the diverse menu of Homeland Security activities our state is engaged in. For more information on the new page, contact Amy Cook at [amy.cook@mil.wa.gov](mailto:amy.cook@mil.wa.gov).



## PORT OF TACOMA ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF SECURITY

The Port of Tacoma has selected Ramon "Quique" Ortiz as Director of Security. Ortiz recently retired from a 22-year career with the United States Coast Guard, most recently serving as Commanding Officer of the Maritime Safety and Security Team in Seattle. For more information, visit the [Port of Tacoma](http://www.portoftacoma.com) website.

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### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR APPOINTED**

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA)'s has a newly appointed Surface Transportation Security Inspector, Supervisor, for the Pacific Northwest Area: Matthew Battle. Matt has recently returned for Alaska and is back in the Seattle area. For those of you who have an interest in initiatives to secure our rail transportation lines, please contact Matt at 206-571-2467 or [Matthew.Battle@dhs.gov](mailto:Matthew.Battle@dhs.gov)

### **WASHINGTON STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT JOEL AGGERGAARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Deadline for applications for this educational scholarship is **September 30, 2005**. For more information, contact Joann Boggs, Director, Pond Oreille County Emergency Management, (509) 447-3731, [jboggs@povn.com](mailto:jboggs@povn.com). The application is available on the Washington State Emergency Management Association Web Site at <http://www.wsema.org/>

### **CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS: PARTNERS IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Researchers, scholars, and practitioners in emergency management are invited to participate in the Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference to be held April 18-19, 2006. If you are interested in making a presentation at the 2006 conference, send an abstract or brief description of your topic no later than August 31, 2005, to John Labadie, Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference; (206) 684-8311; e-mail: [john.labadie@seattle.gov](mailto:john.labadie@seattle.gov).

### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SUBMITS BIOTERRORISM GRANT APPLICATION**

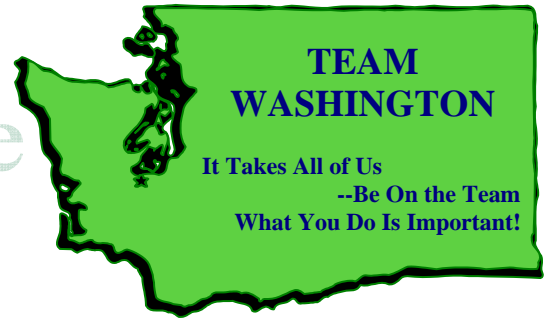
In July 2005, the Department of Health submitted applications to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for funding of public health emergency preparedness activities during the coming year. The new grant will allow the department to continue work it started in 2002. Washington's Emergency Preparedness and Response Goals are to:

- *Respond appropriately and effectively to emergency incidents*
- *Ensure that effective disease surveillance systems are in place statewide*
- *Develop surge capacity for the health system response*
- *Increase internal and external awareness of public health threats and program activities*

New activities for the upcoming grant cycle include pandemic flu planning, adopting and implementing the National Incident Management System, conducting a hazard and vulnerability analysis and continuing work on preparing our cities to receive and distribute emergency medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile. This last activity, known as the Cities Readiness Initiative, will be carried out at the local level and funded directly by the CDC. To ensure that every community in the state is included in the work to prepare for and respond to a terrorist event or any public health emergency, the department included a wide array of partners in the grant application effort. Input was provided by the public health emergency preparedness program's bioterrorism advisory committee and representatives of local health, hospitals, healthcare providers, clinics, tribes, emergency management organizations and others. For further information on the Bio Terrorism grant application, contact Larry Champine, Washington State Department of Health, at 360-236-4470 or [larry.champine@doh.wa.gov](mailto:larry.champine@doh.wa.gov)

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# Around the State Around the State



## ALL HAZARD WARNING CAPABILITY PILOT PROJECT

The Washington Emergency Management Division (EMD) is one of two jurisdictions in the nation that will participate in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pilot project to test warning capabilities. Approved by FEMA in April 2005, the study will build upon other warning systems that are supported by FEMA and the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Project Directorate of the Department of Homeland Security. The major goals of the pilot project are to:

- Create and/or collect warnings from multiple sources and jurisdictions via a common alerting protocol.
- Distribute individual warnings to the appropriate federal, regional, state and local all-hazard alert installation.
- Disseminate and deliver individual warnings to the appropriate government officials, warning broadcasters, and federal public subscribers using modern technology that complements the existing Emergency Alert System infrastructure.
- Complement the Graphic User Interface being developed by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Hazcollect Project.

## METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM (MMRS)

The Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) continue to meet on a regular basis to enhance plans for interoperability and standardization statewide. These cities also host the CDC sponsored "Chempacks" with Nerve Agent antidotes for both EMS and hospital use. The Washington State Department of Health Administers this voluntary program. The MMRS jurisdictions are working on clearly integrating their goals into the State Homeland Security Strategy. For more information on the MMRS program, please visit the [FEMA MMRS](#) webpage or contact Assistant Chief A.D. Vickery at 206-386-1489 or [Alan.Vickery@Seattle.Gov](mailto:Alan.Vickery@Seattle.Gov).

## NORTHWEST TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

The Washington State Region I Homeland Security Council has unanimously approved a grant of \$175,700 to fund the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council (NWTEMC), a pilot program created to assist Tribal governments with Homeland Security and Emergency Management planning.

The NWTEMC is a consortium of eight tribes. The mission of the consortium is to foster relationships and partnerships that will aid and assist in the overall comprehensive approach to planning and preparedness at a Regional level. The consortium hopes to meet this goal by providing consultation and services to the Tribes it serves, while pursuing cooperative agreements with their neighboring jurisdictions. The NWTEMC is looking forward to building strong relationships with its new partners in Region I as we work toward a more secure and safe community for all. For more information on the NWTEMC, contact Chief J Goss at (360) 651-4608 or [jgoss@tulaliptribalpolice.org](mailto:jgoss@tulaliptribalpolice.org)

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***1st Responders** – Local emergency first responders arrive at the scene of a potential biological incident during Exercise WASABE IV. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Dan Purcell-Washington Army National Guard)*

In augmenting local emergency teams, the 10<sup>th</sup> CST is able to bring experience, equipment and capabilities that are not always available on a local level.

“Our purpose as part of the National Guard homeland defense is to serve as an asset to the local incident commander, from whom we take our direction,” explained 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Bill Spaulding, 10<sup>th</sup> CST non-commissioned officer in charge.

“We are able to bring a mobile laboratory and communication package that allows us to analyze and transmit our test results to larger labs and agencies quickly, thereby providing a faster response to the emergency,” Spaulding added.

In addition to the training, Exercise WASABE IV provided the 10<sup>th</sup> CST with another opportunity to demonstrate their community partnership program by reaching out to first responders throughout the state.

“The exercise worked out very well for us because the local first responders not only heard but now they have seen what we (the 10<sup>th</sup> CST) can do as well, Zerface concluded. “It also gave us an opportunity to see how other first responders worked together and the types of equipment they were using.”

## 10<sup>TH</sup> CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM HELPS COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS HELP THEMSELVES

*Story and photos by Sgt. Dan Purcell*

CAMP MURRAY, Washington – Demonstrating their ability to effectively respond to potential bioterrorism emergencies anywhere within the state, members of the Washington National Guard’s 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team (CST) teamed up with their civilian counterparts during the Washington State Annual Bioterrorism Exercise (WASABE) IV 2005.

The three-day event integrated members of the 10<sup>th</sup> CST and emergency first responders, to include representatives from local Clark County sheriffs, police and fire departments in an effort to provide a coordinated response to a biological terrorist attack scenario in Camas Washington.

The scenario was centered on a phased in response to the discovery of a device that was releasing an unknown biological agent from a boat launch along the Columbia River. As the situation escalated, the 10<sup>th</sup> CST was called in to augment Clark County first responders as they tried to contain and identify the unknown agent.



***WMD** – 10<sup>th</sup> CST survey team members inspect a device believed to be emitting a biological agent into the area. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Dan Purcell--Washington Army National Guard).*

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Washington State  
**Homeland Security Institute**

**Capabilities-Based Planning Instrument**

View Target Capabilities and their definitions by Mission.

☐ Mission

Compare your current or desired capabilities with national assessment criteria. (Available in Report format only)

☐ Target Capability

Compare your Emergency Support Function (ESF) or Annex with nationally linked Target Capabilities.

☐ ESF or Annex

Start by selecting one search criteria. To narrow your search select additional criteria. Don't forget to click "Reset" between searches.

Identify your entity's "mission-essential" tasks and review their associated training, exercises and performance measures. (Available in Report format only)

☐ Select by Function:

## **HOMELAND SECURITY CAPABILITIES PLANNING INSTRUMENT**

*Story and Photo Courtesy of John Fortugno*

This Capabilities-Based Planning Instrument (CBPI) was designed by the Homeland Security Institute to help you align your existing preparedness strategies with national goals. It allows you to use a simple, interactive process to find and assemble information contained in current federal guidance, including the National Preparedness Goal, Universal Task List, and Target Capabilities List. The CBPI can help you to:

### **ENHANCE TRAINING AND EXERCISE PROGRAMS**

Use the CBPI to identify "mission essential" tasks that your entity is responsible for performing during major events. Find out which nationally-recommended training courses will provide your personnel with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform their essential

tasks. Evaluate your performance during exercises and real world events using national performance measures.

### **DEFINE CAPABILITY NEEDS**

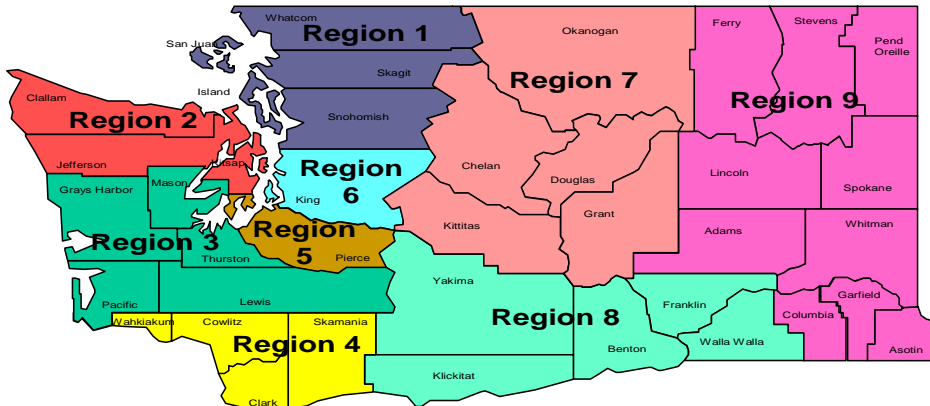
Use the CBPI to identify capabilities to perform your homeland security missions. Compare your current capabilities with national target capability measures. Determine what capability development will have the greatest impact on improving preparedness. Future federal assistance will be tied to building required capabilities.

### **UPDATE EXISTING PLANS**

Use the CBPI to identify target capabilities that are associated with the plan or annex that you are interested in updating. The menu-based, online version of CBPI will be available beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> at the new Homeland Security Institute website at [HSI.WA.GOV](http://HSI.WA.GOV). For more information, contact Sandy Johnson at (360) 586-8169, or [sjohnson@sbctc.ctc.edu](mailto:sjohnson@sbctc.ctc.edu).

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# Building Capabilities Around the Regions



*Personnel, Planning, Organization & Leadership, Equipment & Systems, and Training and Exercises, Evaluations, and Corrective Actions are the Elements of Capability identified in the Interim National Preparedness Goal, page 8, published March 31, 2005 - our regions work diligently to build these capabilities!*

<b>Personnel</b>	Paid and volunteer staff who meet relevant qualification and certification standards necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Region 8 Coordinator is working on Team Building throughout the region.
- ❖ Franklin County in Region 8 is conducting presentations on terrorism, disaster preparedness, and basic awareness for community groups within the county.

<b>Planning</b>	Collection and analysis of intelligence and information, and development of policies, plans, procedures, mutual aid agreements, strategies, and other publications that comply with relevant laws, regulations, and guidance necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ Region 9 continues to hold planning meetings to discuss issues and develop strategies that will benefit the entire region. The Region is working closely with all of its community partners and video-conferencing for many of the planning efforts. The video-teleconference system allows rural counties to come to the table and still remain in there on communities. Our planning cycle continues with the region using improvement plans from previous exercises to update and improve their plans.
- ❖ Region 8 has a variety of planning activities, including:
  - ❖ Franklin County is full steam ahead with the remodel of a 2200 square foot portion of their current office building. This remodeled area will be utilized as the new EOC for Franklin County.

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- ❖ Walla Walla County has been working on resource typing.
- ❖ Benton County is working on the development of a new Search and Rescue Team.
- ❖ Klickitat County has hired a new Emergency Management Director, Steve Brown. He has an extensive background in ICS and will be an asset to the Region 8 team.
- ❖ Yakama Nation has been working with the Drug Task Force on the reservation. Also, they are currently finishing up their draft for the Emergency Operations Plan.

<b>Organization and Leadership</b>	Individual teams, an overall organizational structure, and leadership at each level in the structure that comply with relevant laws, regulations, and guidance necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ Curt Russell, the new Director of the Northwest Tribal Emergency Management Council in Region One, has been invited to speak as a contributor to the National Capabilities Project in Washington DC. Specifically, he has been asked to bring the Tribal Perspective to the capabilities assessment in the CBRNE Detection Sub-group of the Prevention and Deterrence Working Group. He will attend two working group meetings on July 14 &15 and Jul 28 &29 in Washington DC.
- ❖ Roger Serra, the Director of the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management and the Lead Agent for Region One commented that “this invitation is complimentary and reflective of your (Curt Russell) dedication and passion to see that the Tribes can have a positive influence in how emergency management planning will be accomplished in the future”. Roger also stated “what a great opportunity to share with the national administration on how, with some initiative, Tribes can have an effective and collective voice in helping themselves better plan for events built on relationships with local and State emergency administrators”.

<b>Equipment and Systems</b>	Major items of equipment, supplies, facilities, and systems that comply with relevant standards necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ In Region 8, Franklin and Walla Walla counties have issued National Incident Management System (NIMS) Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMCAST) accounts to responder agencies and are in the process of completing the NIMCAST survey.
- ❖ Franklin County is working with the city and county officials to finalize the adoption of NIMS.
- ❖ Benton County is working on finalizing their Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) with the modifications required by NIMS.
- ❖ Region 9 is working together to build redundancy in our communications system. Each county is upgrading their communications systems to be able to meet their individual communications interoperability needs. The region has purchased Web EOC and has installed the primary hardware in Spokane county with back up in Pend Oreille county. Region 9 held its individual user training on the system on July 27, 2005 in conjunction with the Region Nine meeting. The Region is also building urban search and rescue capabilities in Spokane county for response throughout the region.

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<b>Training</b>	Content and methods of delivery that comply with relevant training standards necessary to perform assigned missions and tasks.
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- ❖ All of the Region 8 counties are in the progress of training first responders and top officials for the Introduction to NIMS Course (IS-700) and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Awareness Level Training (AWR 160).
- ❖ Benton County Homeland Security Planner, Ryan Krueger, is starting to teach The National Response Plan: An Instruction (IS 800) course.



**Benton-Franklin Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)** – The Benton-Franklin CERT will be conducting a full training session during the month of September in Prosser. Future training session will be held in Pasco in October. Additional classes in Emergency Operations Support and Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Orientation are scheduled in this fall.

- ❖ Walla Walla CERT is holding American Red Cross sponsored First Aid/CPR Training class.
- ❖ Yakima CERT is working on second session for CERT Training.
- ❖ Region 3 recently completed delivering CERT training to the Quinault Indian Nation. Located 30 miles North of Ocean Shores, the Quinault Reservation is potentially vulnerable to numerous natural disasters: tsunamis, earthquakes, flooding, landslides, and coastal storms. The June 14th tsunami warning served as a reminder that Quinault needs to be prepared for such an event. Recognizing the need for greater public awareness regarding the threat of tsunamis, the CERT training included tsunami and earthquake preparedness education as part of its curriculum. The class was a huge success and the residents of Quinault are now better prepared to manage emergencies of all kinds.
- ❖ Region 9 uses various forms of presentations to conduct training, including: face-to-face, video conferencing and on-line tools to become NIMS compliant. We continue to send select personnel to Socorro, New Mexico; Anniston, Alabama; and Las Vegas, NV, for specialized Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) training. NIMS and CBRNE courses have been held recently in Colfax, Washington (Whitman County), and Clarkston, Washington (Asotin County).

<b>Exercises, Evaluations, and Corrective Actions</b>	Exercises, self-assessments, peer-assessments, outside review, compliance monitoring, and actual major events that provide opportunities to demonstrate, evaluate, and improve the combined capability and interoperability of the other elements to perform assigned missions and tasks to standards necessary to achieve successful outcomes.
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Region 8 held a Homeland Security Exercise with the Franklin and Walla Walla SWAT Teams on July 22, 2005. The exercise involved the Mobile Command Vehicle that Franklin County received in June. The Pasco Police Department and Franklin County Emergency Management along with the Pasco School District, Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Walla Walla Police Department, Kennewick Police Department, Pasco Fire Department, and the Washington State Patrol all participated in the exercise.

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Benton and Yakima Counties held a SWAT exercise at Agrium Northwest, on July 13, 2005. Participants included the Benton County Sheriff's Office, Benton County Fire District #1, Kennewick Fire Dept., MedStar, Yakima County SWAT, Benton County SWAT, Yakima County TEMS, Benton County HNT, Yakima County HNT, Richland Bomb Squad, Kennewick General Hospital, Southeast Communications, Agrium Northwest, Benton County Emergency Management and Yakima County Office of Emergency Management.



- ❖ Region 9 is working very close with all the local health jurisdictions to complete their Bio-terrorism tabletop exercises. The region held a cross border tabletop exercise on 20 July 2005 in Colville, WA. (Stevens, County) with the Canadians, ODP and North Idaho. Region 9 also participated in a Public Health Functional Exercise held on 30 June 2005.

### CROSS BORDER EXERCISE

More than 70 emergency responders from Washington, Idaho and British Columbia and participated in Homeland Security Region 9's Cross Border homeland security tabletop exercise July 20 in Colville.

The exercise, hosted by the Stevens County Sheriff's Office, the exercise allowed regional emergency response agencies to evaluate current concepts, plans and capabilities for responding to a terrorist event in the states of Washington and Idaho and the province of British Columbia.

Participating Canadian response agencies included the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Kootenay Boundary Regional Fire Rescue, the Canada Border Services Agency, the British Columbia Forest Service Protection Program and Provincial Emergency Program.

Washington state participants included the emergency management offices of Pend Oreille, Spokane, Ferry and Stevens and the sheriff's offices of Spokane, Pend Oreille and Stevens counties. State agency participants included the Washington Emergency Management Division and the Washington State Patrol.

The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, the Kootenai and Bonner Idaho Sheriff's Offices, the U.S. Border Patrol and the U.S. Forest Service also participated in the exercise.

The Office for Domestic Preparedness in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security coordinated and evaluated the exercise.



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## Link Fest

[American Red Cross](#) - providing coordination for relief efforts.

[Automated Exercise & Assessment System](#) - developed by National Guard Bureau, AEAS provides efficient and cost-effective training and readiness assessment for the Emergency Responder Community.

[America's Waterway Watch](#)- a national awareness program that asks those who work, live, or recreate on or near the water to be aware of suspicious activity that might indicate threats to our country's homeland security.

[Citizen Corps](#) - The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through *education, training, and volunteer service* to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

[Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory \(EPRI\)](#) - a tool allowing local or regional planners to assemble an inventory of critical resources that would be useful in responding to a bioterrorist attack.

[Federal Emergency Management Association \(FEMA\)](#) - FEMA Region X administers the federal emergency preparedness, damage prevention, and response and recovery programs to Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. FEMA provides pre-disaster and post-disaster assistance to minimize the loss of life, and reduce damage and economic loss from natural and technological hazards. In both pre-disaster and post-disaster efforts, FEMA works in close partnership with State emergency management agencies.

[Homeland Security Publications](#) - Washington State Publications

[Homeland Security State Strategic Plan](#) - Current revision as of June 9, 2005.

[Lessons Learned Information Sharing](#) - Department of Homeland Security Publications.

[Northwest Watch](#) - Northwest Watch is a program involving Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary members and civilian volunteers that live along these masses of water, including the Puget Sound.

[Washington State Emergency Management Association \(WSEMA\)](#) - The Washington State Emergency Management Association exists to advance the profession of emergency management in both the public and private sectors.

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# Acronym Round-Up

ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Service

CBRNE - Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive

CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

CBPI - Capabilities-Based Planning Instrument

DEM - Director of Emergency Management

DHS -Department of Homeland Security

DOH - Department of Health

EM - Emergency Management

EMD - Emergency Management Division (Washington Military Department)

EMS - Emergency Medical Services

EOC - Emergency Operations Center

EPRI - Emergency Preparedness Resource Inventory

ESD - Educational Service District

HAZMAT - Hazardous Materials

HLS - Homeland Security

IWN - Integrated Wireless Network

MTR - Marine Terrorism Response (Project)

NaCO - National Association of Counties

NIMCAST - National Incident Management System Capabilities Assessment Support Tool

NIMS - National Incident Management System

NPG - National Preparedness Goal

OPSCAN - Olympic Public Safety Communication Alliance Network

ODP - Office of Domestic Preparedness

PC-NET - Pierce County Neighborhood Emergency Teams

SIEC - State Interoperability Executive Committee

T-T-T - Train the Trainer Courses

TTX - Table-Top Exercise

USCG - United States Coast Guard

VATS - Vessel and Terminal Security (Division within WSP)

WAJAC - Washington Joint Analytical Center

WMD - Weapons of Mass Destruction

WSDOT - Washington State Department of Transportation

WSEMA - Washington State Emergency Management Association

WSF - Washington State Ferry

WSP - Washington State Patrol

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